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Welcome Class of 2022

Grade 9 Course Handbook

Welcome to Reynolds

Students, Parents, and Guardians:

Welcome to this important planning time in your school year. Reynolds is pleased to provide you with this **course planning guide** to assist you with your course selections for your next school years.

Reynolds Secondary School is an outstanding school with a reputation for: strong academic programming; extensive athletic opportunities; a comprehensive fine arts program; and significant opportunities for leadership, service and environmental education. In addition we offer a wide variety of electives and extracurricular opportunities with outstanding teachers that are dedicated to your success and achievement.

Reynolds is a safe and caring community that is diverse, inclusive, challenging and welcoming. Our school provides education and learning that offers flexibility, choice, support and relevancy.

Planning carefully for a successful transition to high school is critical and requires dedication, hard work and perseverance. The decisions you make are important and will impact your future opportunities. To assist you with your planning, Reynolds teachers, school counsellors and administrators are pleased to work with you on your educational plan. This is a key to your success.

Our *website* is also a source of valuable information.

We will be meeting with classes to help students understand the Course Options and select the appropriate courses.

Be thoughtful in your selections and remember that all students in grades 9 are expected to have a full schedule. You may also wish to select courses that are offered outside the regular school timetable-- there are many.

Please note that courses can only be offered if there is sufficient enrolment and students who choose courses that are cancelled due to lack of enrolment will be assigned to *alternate* selections. Please give careful consideration to your *alternates*.

Use this planning tool wisely and enjoy your many choices and options.

Reynolds' Administration and
Student Services Team

Supports

How can you support your student?

- Encourage school attendance
- Encourage homework time
- Encourage your student to seek help if they need it
 - Speak with teachers
 - Room 202 at Lunch
 - Speak with counselors
- Balance school, work and social time
- Encourage SLEEP
- Encourage your student to leave technology alone at night



How can we help you to support your student?

We have lots of ways to help:

- Contact your child's teacher via email
 - <https://reynolds.sd61.bc.ca/staff-info/staff-directory/>
- Contact your child's Counselor
 - <https://reynolds.sd61.bc.ca/student-info/student-services/>
- Call the School: 250-479-1696
- Contact Administration: 250-479-1696
 - <https://reynolds.sd61.bc.ca/staff-info/staff-directory/>

A Look Inside.....

Reynolds Secondary combines many strengths to make it the school it is today. Here are a few snapshots of the programs, resources and people that come together to create all that is Reynolds Secondary School.

ELL

Reynolds is home to learners from all over the world who speak over a dozen different languages. Students will learn strategies needed to read, write, and research in the English language. Students are supported in adjustment to language and culture as well as building a community of learners from all over the globe.

English Language Learners who require extra support and time are provided with a place to work with the ELL teacher.

Peer Mentors

Peer Mentors help to further build a strong, safe, and connected community within the Reynolds school.

This course allows student peer mentors to:

- Collaborate and identify problems in the school and work on solutions to help solve these problems
- Mentor new students in the school, connecting them to activities, teachers, and friends, so that all students feel valued at Reynolds
- Learn some of the skills and functions associated with the helping profession and then be able to promote these skills within the school and their outside community
- Gain a new level of confidence and competence while making new friends and connections within the Reynolds community
- Earn 4 Credits

Aboriginal Ed Program

Reynolds has an active Aboriginal Education program that supports the needs of our students. Students can seek support through many avenues including our Aboriginal Education Teacher, Counsellor and our Aboriginal Ed Gathering Space. This serves as a place to study, get help and strengthen the community in the school.

Teacher Assistants

The Reynolds Peer Tutoring Program is a flexible and dynamic way to enhance your knowledge and gain valuable work experience as well as earning 4 credits towards graduation. The program connects tutors with peers who may require extra encouragement, homework support or enhanced study skills. Students may become Tutors for specific subjects based on a review of their grades and the support of a teacher in that subject. Tutors can meet with students before, during or after school. Tutors in the Reynolds Peer Tutoring Program receive on-going training and support. They are taught about different learning styles and teaching strategies. The program encourages tutors to develop a higher level of understanding and helps them to develop strong leadership skills.

Leadership

Students may take Leadership throughout their years at Reynolds developing life-long skills in the areas of personal awareness, goal-setting, public relations, problem solving, event planning, and team building. Students participate in special workshops and retreats to enrich their leadership experience. Leadership meetings are held outside the regular class schedule.

Students can get involved in a number of different groups:

Salad Bar, Garden Club, YCI,

<http://coeyleadership.weebly.com/>

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Student Clubs

Reynolds has a variety of clubs for students to join. Check them out! Is there something you are interested in that is not here? Well then create your own! Students are always encouraged to create clubs and programs and staff are very supportive to help get new ideas off the ground!

- Leadership
- Model United Nations
- Anime
- Green/Environmental Group
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Debate Club
- International Student Club
- Studio Art
- Theatre
- Outdoor Club
- Peer Mentoring
- Grad Council
- Principal's Advisory



School Schedule

Reynolds Secondary is a Semestered Schedule with most classes running either Sep-Jan or Feb-June. There are some Linear classes.

Daily Schedule

7:30 - 8:25: Before School Classes					Fridays		Early Dismissal Schedule for Collaboration Block*
	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs			
8:25 9:50	1A	2B	1A	2B	8:25 9:22	1A	Block A 8:25 - 9:35
9:55 11:17	2B	1A	2B	1A	9:27 9:39	Advisory	Block B 9:40 - 10:50
11:17 12:12	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	9:44 10:41	2B	Lunch 10:50-11:50
	Lunch Time Classes						
12:17 1:40	3C	4D	3C	4D	10:41 11:06	Lunch	Block C 11:50 - 12:50
1:45 3:10	4D	3C	4D	3C	11:11 12:08	3C	Block D 12:55 - 1:55
3:15 - 4:30 After School Classes					12:13 1:10	4D	Collaboration Block 2:00 - 3:10

* Early dismissal for Teacher Collaboration Blocks will occur on the following dates at 1:55 pm unless otherwise noted.

***Collaboration Days TBA

Grade 9 Program

All grade 9 students must select eight (8) courses within the timetable.

Students may take other courses in addition to the 8 timetabled courses. These classes meet outside of their required school day, either before school (7:15-8:25), at lunch (11:15-12:10) or after school (3:15-4:30). Please see the table below for a listing of courses both “in” and “out” of the timetable.

<u>Required Courses</u>
English 9
Mathematics 9
PE 9
Socials 9/ Sciences Humaines 9
Science 9/ Sciences 9
Francais Langue 9 (FRIM)

Outside Timetable Courses

Dance 9
Musical Theatre 9
Jazz Band 9
Strings 9
Choir 9
Leadership 9

Elective Courses

Art 9
Band 9
Drama 9
Computer Applications 9
Information Technology 9
Foods 9
Textiles Arts/Crafts 9
Textiles Clothing 9
Trades Exploration 9
Woodwork 9
French 9
Spanish 9
Espagnol 10 (FRIM)
Integrated Studies 9

Programs of Choice

The following Programs of Choice are offered to meet the varied interests of students. Graduation program requirements may be satisfied within each program. The following programs are available at Reynolds:



Flex students presenting at the RBCM



CSE students learning at Braefoot turf.



Reynolds students at Model UN.

The Flexible Studies Program

The Flexible Studies Program is a School District 61 program of choice with an application process. [Nationally recognized by the Canadian Education Association for innovation in teaching and learning](#), the Flexible Studies Program is designed for students interested in a structured inquiry-based approach to education, where students engage with their peers, teachers, community and environment as they pursue their personal academic excellence.

Centre for Soccer Excellence

The Centre for Soccer Excellence provides a formal training program within the academic setting of the school with a commitment to excellence in student achievement. The program is integrated into the regular school program and is designed to develop the individual skills of the participants. Students enroll in one block of this program each semester. Selection for the academy is by application.

French Immersion Program

French Immersion is offered to students who have previously been enrolled in Early or Late immersion programs. Students in French Immersion will focus on language development through:

- Communication: written and spoken
- Comprehension: listening and reading
- Interaction and the ability to effectively participate in discussion & fluent conversation

Career & Community Programs

Career programs offer students an opportunity to focus their studies within a career area while meeting graduation requirements. Work experience and service are components of these programs. The programs offered at Reynolds are:

- Environment & Sustainability/Salad Bar
- Recreation, Sport & Health Services

Flexible Studies

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Flex students conducting an MLA panel at the BC Legislature.



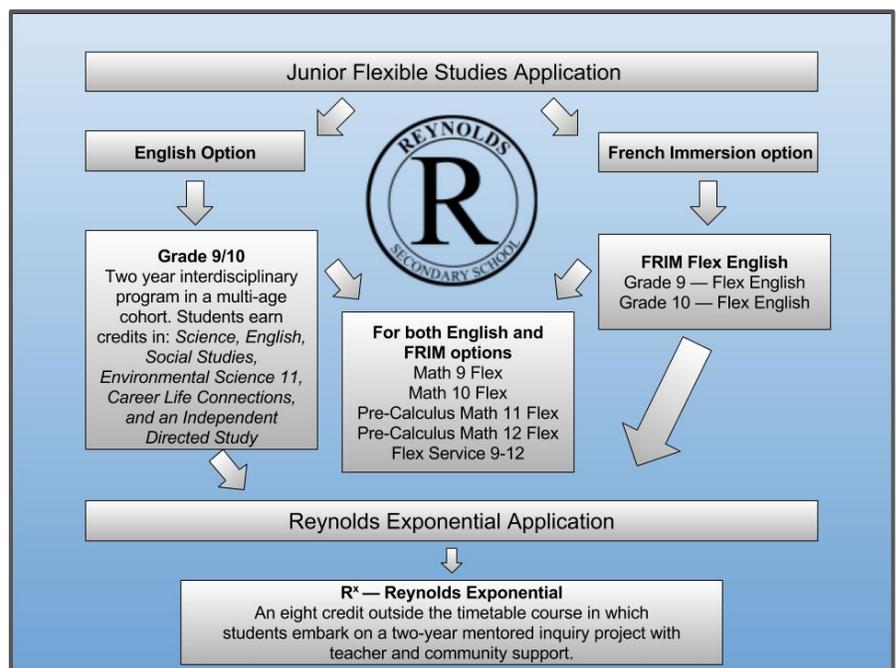
Flex students on an overnight trip to Galiano Island.



Flex students working with a documentary filmmaker.

The Flexible Studies program embraces cross-curricular and experiential learning with a strong focus on building a mastery of skills and concepts in order to fulfill a student's academic potential. The Flexible Studies Program has an English-option and a French Immersion-option in the junior years of the program (see the diagram below) and has a community volunteer/service component for each of the four years a Flex student is at Reynolds.

In the senior years of the Flexible Studies program, there is no distinction between English and French Immersion options. Flexible Studies program students will continue with Flex Service 11 and 12 and also have the option to continue in Pre-Calculus 11 and 12 with a Flex cohort. As there are additional course options for students at Reynolds when entering their senior years, we want to remain flexible to ensure students can take advantage of courses that will meet their personal needs. The intention of Reynolds Exponential is for students to pursue a personal inquiry with support from our community, a teacher at school, and a group of courses related to the subject area of interest.



Centre for Soccer Excellence

The Centre for Soccer Excellence is a way for students to combine academic goals with high quality soccer instruction, coaching and mentoring. Entry into the academy is by application. Accepted students will select from the courses below that are appropriate to their grade level. This is a multi-grade class that meets in the same block for two semesters. Students receive a combined 200 hours of instruction in Principles of Soccer and Physical Education. These hours are a combination of on-field and classroom instruction. Areas of instruction include sport science, fitness, nutrition, strength training, sport physiology, sport psychology, time-management, goal setting, leadership skills, coaching philosophies, and rules of the game.



CSE Courses

Grade 9 Physical Education 9 Principles of Soccer 9	Grade 11 Physical Education 11 Principles of Soccer 11
Grade 10 Physical Education 10 Principles of Soccer 10	Grade 12 Physical Education 12

French Immersion

The French Immersion Program allows students who have taken French Immersion previously to continue their studies in French through high school and graduate with a dual dogwood in English and French.

Successful completion of the French Immersion Language 12 Exam is required. This exam is not optional.

Cinéma francophone

This French Immersion film studies course features films from Francophone countries such as Canada, France, Belgium and Senegal. In viewing, analyzing, and discussing both fiction and non fiction films, you will improve your vocabulary, listening comprehension and oral fluency helping you prepare for the Français langue 12 oral exam.

French Immersion Courses

Grade 9 Français langue 9 Sciences humaines 9 Sciences naturelles 9	Grade 11 Français langue 11 Géographie Humaine 11
Grade 10 Français langue 10 Sciences humaines 10 Sciences naturelles 10	Grade 12 Français langue 12 Cinéma francophone 11/12



Grade 9 Electives

Concert Band 9

Prerequisite: Successful completion of a band program in the previous year or admission through audition. Band courses are a continuation of the acquisition of performance skills on woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Regular home practice and an instrument are essential for success.

Art 9

This course introduces you to the art program at Reynolds. Enjoy a variety of fun and challenging 2D and 3D projects while exploring a wide selection of artistic materials including clay, paint, drawing, mixed media and printmaking. Discover the elements and principles of design and colour, learn ways to develop ideas and expression, and explore various styles by looking at famous artists through art history.

Drama 9

Movement, improvisation, mime, interpretation of music, role-play, video work, scriptwriting and analysis, and character development are some of the topics students will experience. Much of this will require group participation, so students must be prepared to work cooperatively.

Foods & Nutrition 9

Dazzle your family and friends with your cooking skills! You will prepare breakfasts, lunches, dinners as well as foods for special occasions. Learn the essentials of preparing cinnamon buns, desserts and sumptuous dishes.

Textiles 9 – Clothing & Textiles

This course introduces students to the use of a commercial pattern and offers students an opportunity to learn to sew for themselves and others. Students will complete several projects that they choose appropriate to their skill level.

Textiles Arts & Crafts

Create unique items that blend modern design, funky DIY and historical handiwork. Projects include knitting, sewing, journals, fabric printing, etc. There is lots of room for freedom of project choice. and creative expression.

Integrated Studies 9

Choose your own adventure. Through asking questions and exploring relevant topics about our world, Integrated Studies is a project-based course that allows you to explore your own passions and interests. You will discover how art, music, math, science, socials and language are all integrated to make up the natural and human-made world around us. Guest speakers, Field trips and vibrant class debate and discussion shape this course.

French 9

Sharpen your communication skills with this interactive language class. Learn to speak, read and write “en francais” while exploring the Francophone culture and lifestyle. Students will engage in active listening and practice their French speaking. Great on resumes and handy when travelling!

Spanish 9

Students focus on the “communicative approach” by actively engaging in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Topics covered include: introductions, numbers: 0-100, family, Spanish culture, music, literature, telling time, hobbies, weather and sports.

Espagnol10

This is a beginner Spanish course designed for students who are already fluent in French. This course will be delivered in Spanish. Students choosing to take this course do not require previous knowledge of Spanish as it will cover the curriculum of both Spanish 9 and 10.

Trades Exploratory 9

Students will have the opportunity to experience a variety of activities that are offered within Technology Education. Topics covered are: Electronics, Computer Aided Drafting, Woodwork, Metalwork, Metal Jewelry and Art, and Power Mechanics. Projects will cover more than one aspect: learn how to create your project first using drafting skills and continue on to create your design. Students may then choose to specialize in Grade 12 technology courses.

Woodwork 9

This is an introductory course focusing on hand tools and basic skills including a design component. Students will learn basic wood industry facts, measurement skills, tool names and uses, furniture construction, and finishing techniques. Students will have time to construct a personal project reflecting their abilities, skills and interest.

Computer Applications 9

This is an introductory course to Computer Applications. Learn all about the computer facilities at Reynolds and how to access the various resources on the school network. Students will work on computer hardware, navigate various computer programs to become proficient at making tables, graphs, spreadsheets, reports, memos, letters, posters, and finish with a skill set that can complement learning in other areas.

Information Technology 9

This is an introductory course to learn and practice the computer skills that are useful in school and our digital world. Projects will have students learning and creating in many different areas, which may include the following topics: computer hardware and maintenance, basic website development, graphics and imaging, digital animation using Flash, simple game development, online safety including virus awareness, netiquette, social networking, and basic programming.

Outside TT Electives

Jazz Band 9/10

Prerequisite: Enrolment in Band 9 or Band 10 or the permission of the instructor.

Jazz band is offered as an enrichment to the other Band courses. The course occurs before regular school hours and at lunchtime. Instrumentation includes trumpet, trombone, saxophone, guitar, piano, bass and percussion.

Music Composition 9/10 (R&B/Jazz Combo/Small Ensemble)

Prerequisite: Enrolment in any other music course.

Music Composition 9 and 10 are offered as enrichment courses for students enrolled in the other Band courses. Students will study composition through performance in a small ensemble, Jazz Combo format. The primary focus of these courses is improvisation and the creation of original material. All instruments, including voice, are invited to participate

Concert Choir 9-12

Concert choir is a great place for all students to experience listening, creating and performing vocal music from a variety of styles including pop, Broadway, jazz, folk and classical. This choir is open to all singers regardless of previous experience. This class includes performances outside of regular school hours both at Reynolds and in the community.

Strings 9-12

Prerequisite: Strings 7 and/or Strings 8 or private instruction on An orchestral instrument.

This course performs as part of Reynolds Music Program as well as part of the larger School District 61 Festival Orchestra with students from other high schools in the district. Rehearsal times are held outside of regular school. Students with one year or more of strings experience may enroll in Strings for credit. Instruction is offered on violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Beginning Dance 9/10

No previous dance training is necessary. Students in grades 9 - 12 will work together. Dance/PE attire required

This course will focus on:

- Introduction to various styles of dance including history, jazz, funk, hip/hop, tap, ballet and modern.
- Basic warm-up techniques, dance steps and combinations in small and large group settings.
- Exploration of the student's individual movement style.

Intermediate/Advanced Dance 9-12

Prerequisite: Beginning Dance or successful audition. Dance classes are on a skill level basis. Dance/PE attire is required.

This course is designed for students with previous dance training. This course concentrates on:

- Jazz, hip/hop, modern, ballet, and tap techniques and composition.
- Continued development of the student's dance knowledge, creative expression and dance vocabulary.
- Study of locomotor and axial techniques, dance history, choreographic projects and movement vocabulary

Musical

Students are not required to have any formal singing or dancing experience to participate in this course, but they must be willing to do both. Rehearsals occur outside of regular school hours including weekends. Students should choose this course if they are planning to audition. There are opportunities to work behind the scenes for students who have an interest or are not chosen to perform. Auditions are held in the fall and the performance usually runs for at least a week in late February, early March.

Leadership 9

Do you see yourself as a leader? Take a course that is an excellent opportunity to get involved in the school. Develop skills in working with others to organize activities in the school and the community. Participate in workshops and retreats to develop your leadership skills. Meetings are held outside the regular class schedule.

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Athletics

Reynolds students have many athletic teams that they can join. Here is a list of some of the athletics at Reynolds Secondary:

- Badminton Basketball
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Cycling
- Field Hockey Golf
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Skiing/Snowboardig
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track & Field Volleyball
- Wrestling

Grade 9 Houses

Each Grade 9 is assigned to one of six houses:

- Eagle!
- Orca!
- Bear!
- Raven!
- Coyote!
- Sea Lion!

The houses will compete against each other for attendance, achievement, and effort goals. The winning house takes home the Principal's Cup and a t rip to Wild Play!!

Which house will win in 2019?!

Student Clubs

Students at Reynolds are able to participate in many clubs and groups.

- Leadership Principal's Advisory Poetry Slam
- Outdoor Club
- Garden Club Best Buddies Pink Shirt Model UN Debate Club
- PRIDE Club
- Knitting Club

Don't see the club you are interested in here? Start up your own. It's easy!

Something for Everyone!

- Staff vs. Student Challenges**
- Dance Air Band Open Mic Floor Hockey Table Tennis Talent Show And More!

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